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SUBJ: GOC REACTION TO ASILTURK STATEMENTS

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1. FONMIN DIRGEN PELGHAS CALLED CHARGE IN AUGUST 24 TO EXPRESS
GOC CONCERN ABOUT TURKISH INTERIOR MINISTER ASILTURK'S STATEMENTS
DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO CYPRUS AUGUST 21-23 (REFTEL). PELAGHIAS
SEEMED MOST CONCERNED ABOUT ASILTURK'S RECOMMENDATION THAT
FAMAGUSTA SHOULD BE REPOPULATED WITH TURK CYPRIOTS, BUT HE ALSO
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WAS TROUBLED BY STATEMENTS ON UDI.

2. ON FAMAGUSTA, PELAGHIAS SAID GOC UNDERSTANDS THAT GROUPS OF HOMELESS TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO AREAS JUST OUTSIDE FAMAGUSTA, HAVE BEEN SHOWN "BEAUTIFUL HOUSES" IN THE UNPOPULATED AREA, AND HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO MAKE A CLAMOR TO HAVE THOSE HOUSES. IF RESETTLEMENT OF FAMAGUSTA PROPER OCCURS, THERE WILL BE NO PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS. GOC INTERPRETATION OF CURRENT EVENTS IS THAT FURNITURE IS BEING TAKEN OUT OF HOUSES IN ORDER TO PREVENT QUARRELS BETWEEN TURK CYPRIOTS WHEN THEY FINALLY TAKE HOUSES OVER. FURNITURE IS BEING SENT TO CENTRAL WAREHOUSE FROM WHICH IT WILL BE ISSUED TO NEW SETTLERS ON BASIS OF STATUS OF FAMILIES.

3. ON UDI, PELAGHIAS FELT DENKTASH WOULD NOT RESPOND TO ASILTURK INVITATION TO MAKE DECLARATION ON OCTOBER 29, BUT THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOME MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION BEFORE US PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION IN JANUARY, AS THIS WOULD PRESENT NEW US LEADER WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI.

4. CHARGE NOTED THAT ASILTURK IS MEMBER OF MINORITY PARTY IN TURKEY WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY TAKEN HARDER STAND ON CYPRUS ISSUES THAN PARTY OF PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL. WE COULD ASSUME THAT ASILTURK WAS NOT SPEAKING FOR GOT. PELAGHIAS DISPUTED THIS ON BASIS THAT AS A MINISTER ASILTURK CANNOT SPEAK PRIVATELY. PELAGHIAS SAID GOC HOPES THAT AMBASSADOR MACOMBER COULD BE INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS US CONCERN ABOUT THESE TWO ISSUES TO GOT. CHARGE PROMISED TO PASS REQUEST O WASHINGTON.

5. CHARGE NOTED THAT MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT MAKARIOS SPEECH IN COLOMBO WAS SO HARSH THAT IT FORCED STRONG TURK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH REACTION AGAINST CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS. PELAGHIAS SAID THAT CAREFUL READING OF MAKARIOS SPEECH WILL SHOW THAT HE CRITICIZED TURKS NOT TURK CYPRIOTS. THUS, DENKTASH SHOULD NOT TAKE SPEECH PERSONALLY. IT SHOULD PROVE NO HINDRANCE TO CONTINUATION OF INTERCOMMUNAL DISCUSSIONS.

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